



Des Moines Offers Residents Discounted Rain Barrels

To help Des Moines residents use water more efficiently, the City of Des Moines is offering Raincatcher rain barrels. These high-quality rain barrels are being made available to City residents at a reduced cost with funding provided the King County Solid Waste Division. The recycled plastic rain barrels normally retail for \$120, but Des Moines residents will pay only \$20 for each Raincatcher. Quantities are limited.

There is a limit of one rain barrel per household, and all rain barrels must be delivered to a Des Moines residential address.

The Raincatcher holds up to 55 gallons of rainwater collected through your home's downspouts. Installation is easy. Just shorten the downspout to allow the water to flow into the top of the barrel. Downspout adapters are also available at various home centers. The top has a strong aluminum mesh screen, creating a non-corrosive and long lasting filter. The removable screen keeps out leaves and other debris that comes off your roof as well as safely protecting wildlife and pets from entering or drinking from barrel. A spigot on the bottom of the barrel allows you to connect a hose or to fill watering cans.

The overflow portal on the back of the barrel easily hooks up to the supplied tubing which runs down the back of the unit in a protected furrow. The overflow apparatus draws water down and out of the bottom front of barrel, diverting excess water away from the foundation. The back of the barrel is flat, allowing space saving and accurate placement against a wall.

The City is making the Raincatcher rain barrel available to City residents while supplies last. Raincatchers can be ordered from Dynamex, a local delivery service, by printing out the attached **order form** and mailing it with payment to Dynamex. Or you may pick up an order form at the Des Moines City Hall, located at 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite D. City Hall is open from 8AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except for Holidays.

Please note that Dynamex is providing the storage and delivery of the Raincatcher and is not able to provide barrel assistance or spare parts.

Payment may be made by check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted). Please do not send cash. The \$20 storage and delivery fee is not refundable.

Residents are limited to 1 Raincatcher per household. A follow-up project survey will be sent to each purchaser.

Specifications

Size Dimensions: 32" H x 24" W

Capacity: 55 gallons

Weight: 18 lbs when empty

Composition: Made from recycled plastic material

Usage: Rain water collection - can be connected in series with link kit

Key Features: Attractive, expandable, debris screen, durable

Color: Available in green only

Warranty: One-Year Warranty

Features and Benefits

Diverts rain water runoff from your roof - helps prevent erosion and ground saturation near foundation of home

Uses your current gutters as the collection system

Enclosed unit with lid deters pests

Overflow connectors allow modular expansion for added storage capacity

Notes

We regret that no refunds on units delivered can be provided.

Downspout adapters are available at Home Depot and McLendon's hardware stores, call first to check on quantity available.

Rain Barrel Tips

City of Des Moines is pleased to offer rain barrels to our customers. By draining a downspout from your house into the rain barrel you can collect rainwater for use on your garden and plant beds. This will help reduce demand on the City's water supply and possibly save you money.

Important tips to remember:

- Do not use the collected rainwater for drinking, cooking, or bathing.
- Set the rain barrel on firm, level ground so that it won't tip over. It may be helpful to use sand or bricks to provide a level setting. If you set the rain barrel on an elevated platform make sure that it is secure.
- Do not connect the rain barrel to your downspout if you have recently applied chemicals, such as moss killer, to your roof.
- Do not connect the rain barrel to your home water supply.
- Do not install a rain barrel in a location where it could be used by an intruder to gain access to your home.
- If your downspouts were connected to the storm sewer system, make sure they are reconnected during the rainy season or whenever your rain barrel is full.
- Rinse the inside of the rain barrel occasionally.
- Try to cycle the water through the barrel as often as possible.
- Keep your rain barrel "bug tight" to reduce the amount of available mosquito habitat. Make sure the rain barrel lid is on securely.

This program is offered to customers of the City of Des Moines as a service to assist in water conservation. The City assumes no liability for any damage to persons or property caused by the use of these rain barrels. Please use safely.

Every little drop helps!



For more information call Shanta Frantz at Des Moines City Hall - (206) 870-6551 or by e-mail at sfrantz@desmoineswa.gov.

CITY OF DES MOINES RAIN BARREL ORDER FORM

Customer Name: _____

Customer Address: _____

Customer Phone Number(s) Cell: _____ - _____ - _____ Home: _____ - _____ - _____

Customer Signature (required for delivery) _____

PLEASE SPECIFY A PLACE TO LEAVE YOUR RAIN BARREL IN CASE THERE IS NO ONE HOME FOR DELIVERY.

Cost: \$20.00

Method of Payment

_____ Check _____ Visa

_____ MC # _____ Exp. ____ / ____ / ____

_____ AMEX

Please mail order form and payment to:

Dynamex Inc
944 Industry Drive
Tukwila, WA 98188
Attn. Denise Hamilton